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## **CDF Firefighters Dispatched to Arizona**

**Sacramento-** The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) has dispatched fifty-one CDF personnel including two strike teams of fire engines to Arizona to assist with the Rodeo-Chediski Complex wildfire. The firefighters left late yesterday and are expected to report to Heber Arizona, 30 miles Northwest of Show Low by noon today.

A strike team consists of five engines and a strike team leader. Each engine has four firefighters on board. CDF firefighters are also serving in Arizona, Nevada and Colorado incidents on fire engines from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES).

The CDF has received other requests for firefighting resources from western states. "We are filling the requests as we receive them," said Staff Chief of Operations Ernylee Chamlee. "Of course, we must be mindful of our own problems with wildfire risks here in California. We are limited in what we can send out of state, however, we try to assist other states just as they have helped us in the past".

The strike teams are made up of engines from the following CDF Units: Nevada-Yuba-Placer, Amador-El Dorado, Tulare, and Fresno. Agency Representatives will also accompany the crews to provide logistical support while they are out of state. The CDF personnel will remain in Arizona for approximately two weeks.

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